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Using the powerpoint presentation (attached), ADEQ outlined a draft Roadmap with key technical components for CWA 404 program assumption. The draft Roadmap mimics the Corps regulatory program. Throughout the course of the presentation, there were general comments regarding Roadmap development, interpretation of existing Corps regulations and questions whether implementation of the 404 program would require changes to state statutory authority.

Moving forward, some expressed concern that the work conducted by the stakeholder technical working groups (TWG) would not be reflected in the Roadmap document. ADEQ affirmed that there will be opportunities for stakeholder TWG feedback on the draft Roadmap in late June and early July.

Trevor Baggione, ADEQ, concluded the meeting by reviewing whether the EWG met the requirements of the Charter (see powerpoint, page 20). According to Trevor, all requirements were met with the exception of the EWG member recommendation whether the roadmap will result in a program that 1) provides added value to ADEQ customers and 2) protects the waters of the U.S. to the same level as the Federal program. ADEQ acknowledges more information is needed in order to make a determination whether the path forward is viable. In late June, ADEQ will send the draft Roadmap to the EWG and stakeholder TWG for review and comment. Following completion of the Roadmap, ADEQ will decide whether to convene another EWG to receive member recommendations or to conduct an anonymous survey.

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